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In re Application of :  
Kwok On Lai et al. :  
Serial No.:09/157,984 :PETITION DECISION  
Filed: September 22, 1998 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 007198-353 :


This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 6, 2002, to withdraw the abandonment of the above identified application based on timely filing of a reply.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on September 24, 2001, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. After receiving no reply a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on January 2, 2002. Applicants state that they filed a reply to the Office action on October 24, 2001. Applicant provides a copy of the response including an Office date-stamped postcard indicating receipt on October 24, 2002. Based on the evidence presented it is concluded that applicant did file a timely reply. The original reply has now been located and processed by the Office. In view thereof the Notice of Abandonment mailed January 2, 2002 is vacated and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.**

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703)308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-7230.

  
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